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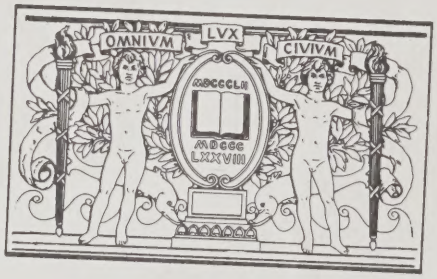

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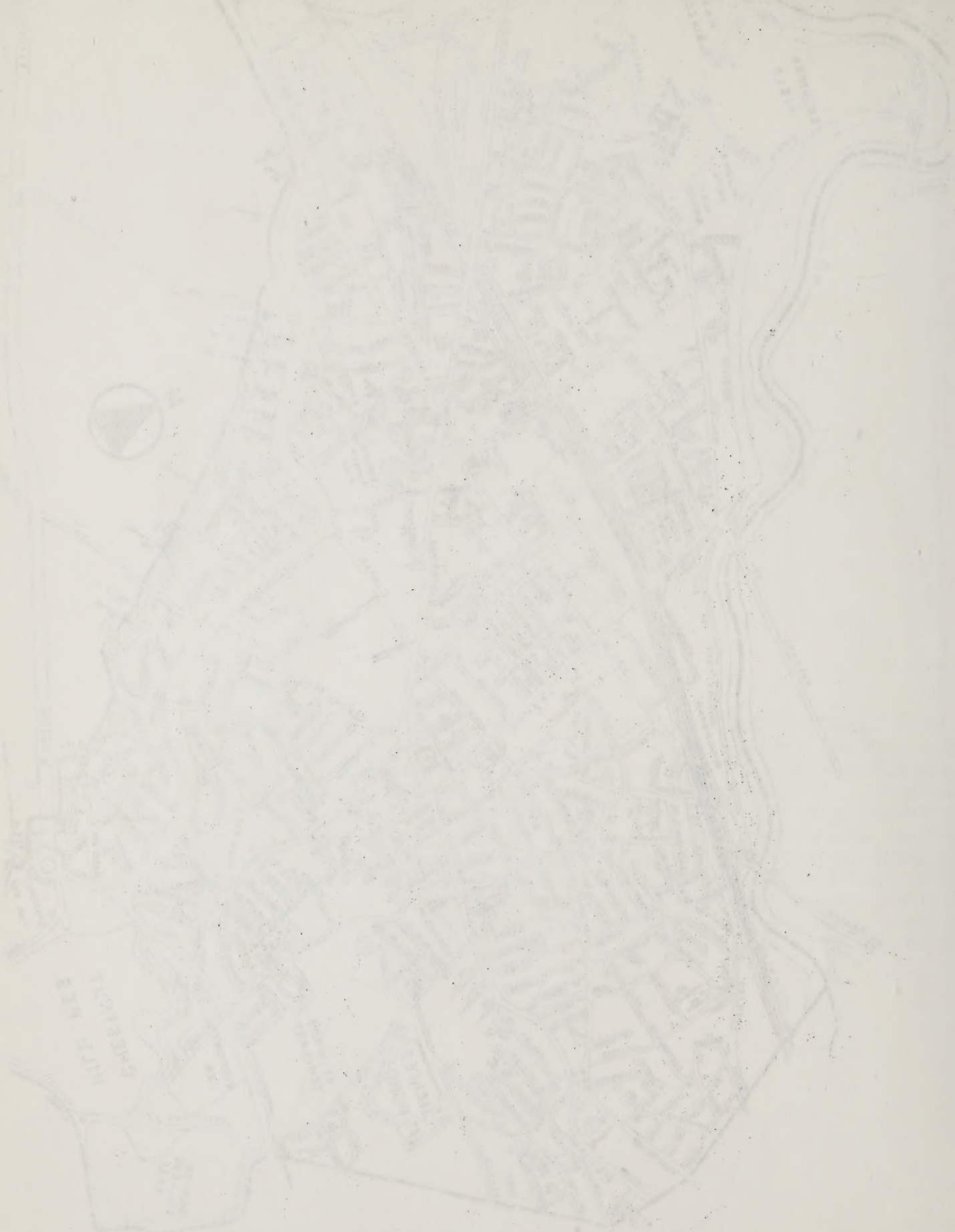

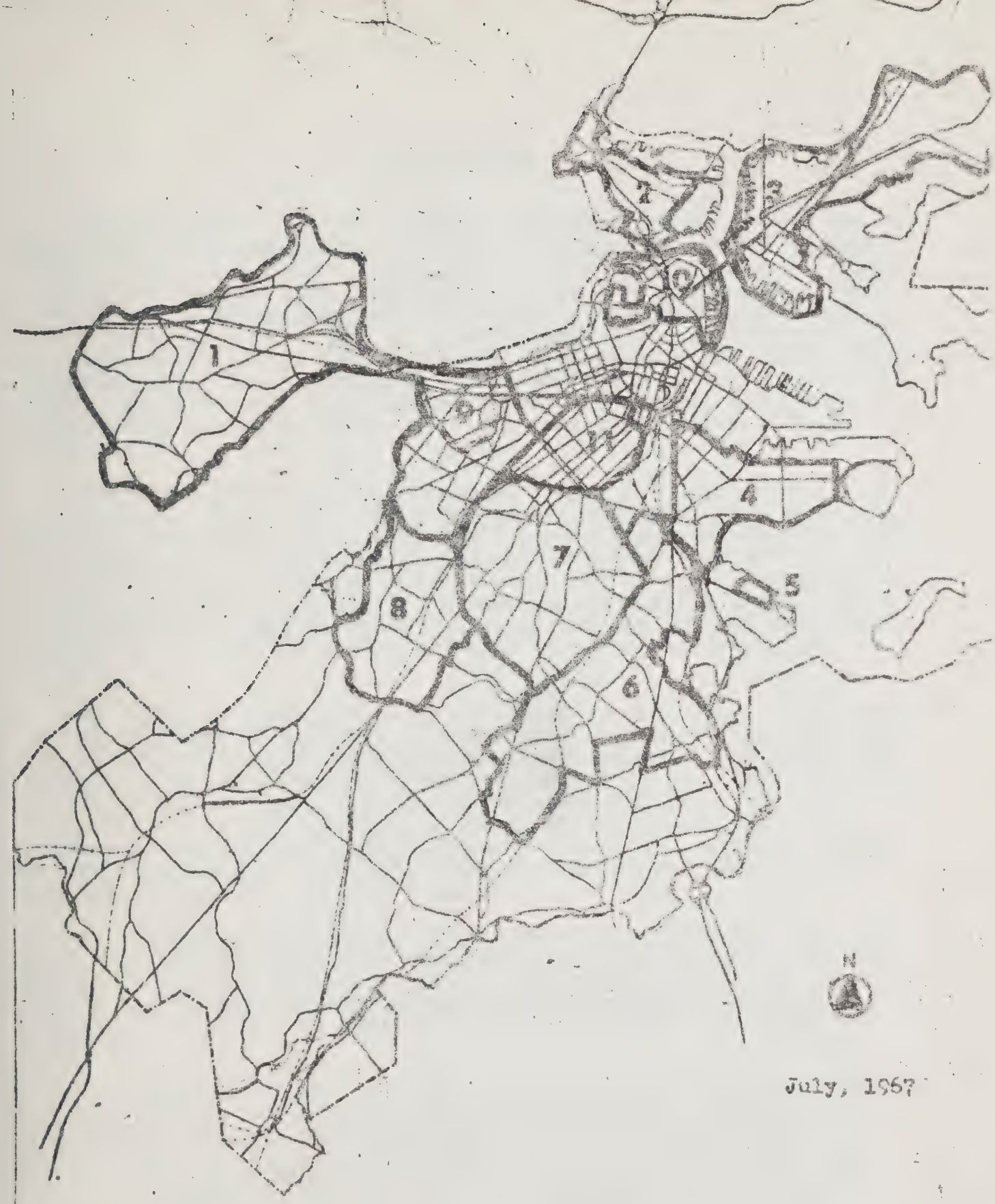

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INTRODUCTION

Among the most important units in Boston's War on Poverty are the city's low-income neighborhoods, all of which share certain common problems but each of which has a unique set of characteristics distinguishing it from the rest of the city. Just as the various neighborhoods differ in their physical appearance, so do their populations differ, in age, in race, and in a whole range of characteristics. Common to people of all the low-income neighborhoods are such problems as unemployment, low educational attainment and poor health. The relative importance of these problems varies, however, among the neighborhoods and reflects the different characteristics of their residents.

Not only do Boston's neighborhoods differ from one another in their social aspects but also in the amount and quality of resources which are now being used to meet the needs of their residents. While some neighborhoods receive relatively satisfactory services in certain problem areas, the services in these areas are clearly inadequate in other neighborhoods. In all the neighborhoods certain significant gaps between needs and resources are apparent and the coordination of various efforts to resolve the problems of the poor is weak and sporadic.

An essential step in developing effective strategies for lessening the incidence of poverty, on a neighborhood as well as on a city-wide basis is collecting and analyzing information on the conditions contributing to and resulting from poverty and on the scope of current efforts to better these conditions. By examining needs and evaluating the impact of current services, it is possible to make rational recommendations for the re-allocation of existing resources and to justify requests for additional funds to ensure that services be provided with maximum effectiveness.

This neighborhood analysis is intended to provide such data on needs and resources in a form which makes it readily understood for general information purposes. It is designed so that it may be revised as necessary on the basis of suggestions from those who use it and so that it may be updated and refined as new data becomes available.

The analysis, which is divided into eight major sections, begins with a discussion of the characteristics of the population of the neighborhood, including total numbers, income, age, sex and racial composition. The needs of the neighborhood's population are then outlined under such headings as health, education, employment and economic development. On the basis of preferences expressed by representatives of the neighborhood community, these needs are ranked in order of importance as are the groups to which the community feels programs should be addressed. Services in the neighborhood,

both those provided through ABCD and by other agencies, are catalogued in categories roughly corresponding to the need categories, and those programs funded by OEO are briefly evaluated. Finally, the overall system of efforts to meet problems in the neighborhood is examined and recommendations for changes are presented.

The information included in this analysis is presented as much as possible in the form of hard statistics, identified by source and date. Where the information involved subjective judgments the person or group expressing the opinion is also identified. In cases in which special circumstances were present or where discrepancies of fact or opinion existed, explanatory comments are included.

The neighborhood analysis is meant to be used by a number of persons or groups for those purposes for which they feel it may be most helpful. First, it is a basic document for neighborhood social planning, both on a comprehensive and on an individual project basis. Second, it will provide central ABCD staff with information essential to the design and funding of plans and programs which affect the neighborhood as a part of the broader city system. Third, it may help to provide a common language for discussion and cooperation between ABCD and Neighborhood Area Planning Action Councils (APACs) on the one hand, and outside agencies on the other.

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I. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION:

A. Total Population:

1. Number of Persons Living in Area: 64,282 (1960 U.S. Census Figure)

The 1965 Police Census for Wards 20-22 shows 60,889. Wards 21 and 22 are comparable to area designated by Census Tracts Y1, Y2, Y3A, Y3B, Y4, Y5A, Y5B, Y5C. Decrease in population figure due to decrease in population between 1960-1965.

2. Number of Families: 16,796 (1960 U.S. Census Figure)

3. Number of Families in Public Housing:

The figures given are figures for May, 1966, obtained from The Boston Housing Authority. The breakdown is in terms of units and the total population for each project.

a. Washington Street Development-Housing for Elderly: 82 Units; 92 Total Population
b. Chestnut Hill Development-Housing for Elderly: 64 Units; (no figure for Total population
c. Commonwealth Development: 648 Units; 2.000 Total Population
d. Faneuil Development: 258 Units; 892 Total Population

4. Number of unrelated individuals not in institutions: 9,643 (1960 U.S. Census figure)

B. Income:

1. Median family income: Census Tract:

(This is a listing of 1960 median family incomes by Allston-Brighton Census Tracts)

Y1	- $6,337.
Y2	- 5,718.
Y3A	- 5,902.
Y4	- 6,576.
Y5A	- 7,352.
Y5B	- 6,797.
Y5C	- 6,414.

2. Number of families with incomes under $3,000.: *1,903

Percent of total: 11.33%

*Number for Allston is 371 or 13% of Allston family population

C. Age Composition: (Following figures are taken from 1960 Census)

*1. Number of Pre-school Children (0-5 Years) 6,468

Percent of Total Population 10%

*2. Number of School-age Children (6-15 Years) 7,762

Percent of total population 12%

*Area Coordinator states that these are estimated figures, arrived at by interpolation of the age groups in the U.S. Census, 1960.

3.	Number of In-School Youths (16-21 Years)	No Breakdown Given
	Percent of Total Population:	
4.	Number of Out-of-School Youths (16-21 Years)	No Breakdown Given
	Percent of Total Population:	
*4A.	NUMBER OF YOUTHS BETWEEN 16-21 YEARS:	4,985
	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION	75%
*5.	Number of Adults (22-64 Years)	36,795
	Percent of Total Population	57%
**6.	Number of Elderly (65 Years and Over)	8,757
	Percent of Total Population:	13.5%

*Area Coordinator states that these figures are estimated figures, arrived at by interpolation of the age groups in the U. S. Census, 1960.

**The percentage of elderly in Allston-Brighton is only 1% higher than that for the City of Boston, (12.2%)

(This information was obtained from Brighton Survey done by Henry Karpeles)

D. Sex Composition:

The following table describes the different age groups by male-female population and percentages:

AGE GROUP	TOTAL	MALE	PERCENT	FEMALE	PERCENT
0-15	6,468	3,236	50%	3,232	50%
6-15	7,762	4,406	52.5%	3,716	48.5%
16-21	4,985	2,365	47.5%	2,620	52.5%
22-64	36,795	16,625	44.5%	20,170	55.5%
65 & Over	8,757	3,260	37%	5,497	63%

Compiled from 1960 Census

NOTE: No sex breakdown for in-school and out-of-school youths (16-21) available.

E. Racial Composition: (Following figures are taken from 1960 U.S. Census)

1. Number of Whites: 63,652

   Percent of Total Population: 99%

2. Number of Negroes: 334

   Percent of Total Population: .5%

3. Number of Puerto Ricans: 19

   Percent of Total Population: Insignificant

4. Number of Other Nonwhites: 279

   Percen t of Total Population: .4%

"The Allston-Brighton area is largely Catholic with a smaller Protestant group in the areas included in Census Tracts Y2, 3A &5C. A fairly substantial group of Jewish families reside in the latter two tracts and also in Y5-B where they are heavily clustered in the area abutting in Chestnut Hill Avenue . . . . Brighton's proportion of Irish is quite high, probably exceeding 90% in the Oak Square (Y5-A) and Faneuil (Y4) section. There are significant Italian and Lithuanian extraction groups in the area north of the railroad tracks and in the Allston end of the area/ Families with eastern European backgrounds are common among Jewish groups in the southern and southwestern sectors of Brighton." (Harry Karpeles study)

In the past six years there has been an increasing number of Spanish speaking people and Chinese moving into the Allston-Brighton area. There has also been an increase in the Negro population. However, a number of Negro families have lived in the area for two generations or more.

II. NEEDS OF THE POPULATION:

A. Community Organization:

Area Coordinator states that Community Organization in Allston-Brighton "has been on the whole an under- to non-developed concept." She feels that more involvement of low-income groups in the area needs to be encouraged through Community Organization.

B. Child Development:

1. Number of Pre-school Children in Low-income Families:

Area Coordinator states that "The number of pre-school children in Allston-Brighton as mentioned above is 6,468, but that figures are not available for numbers in low-income families."

C. Education:

School-Age Children:

1. Number of school-age children needing supplemental tutoring, etc.: (Information not given)

2. Number of children below city-wide grade achievement levels: (Information not given)

3. 1966 Dropout Rates:

FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS 1962-1963:

Male	- 54
Female	- 31
Total	- 85

Area Coordinator has provided the following comments:

"Parochial schools provide for approximately 43% of all children attending school in Brighton (including Mt. St. Joseph Academy--non-parish school. Educational authorities report a generally well-behaved student body, a low rate of absenteeism and truancy, and a small number of dropouts."

/These comments were taken from the Brighton Survey by Harry Karpeles, based on 1960 population/

Adults:

1. Number of Adults Needing Supplemental Education: _____

   Area Coordinator states that "figures for supplemental educational needs are not available."

2. Number of Adults who have not completed High School: 18,092

   (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE AREA COORDINATOR:
   (
   (4,466 Have Not Attained
   (8th Grade Level;
   (
   (1,894 Have Not Attained
   (5th Grade Level;

3. Number of Functional Illiterates: (No information given)

4. Number of Persons with Language Difficulties: _____

   Area Coordinator states that figures for persons with language difficulties are not available; but that there has been an increase in the numbers of Spanish-speaking and Chinese families in the past five years.

D. Employment:

Employed Persons:

1. Number employed in low-paying occupations (Unskilled blue-collar workers): 9,378

Included in this estimation are operatives and kindred, private household workers, service workers, and those in occupations not reported.

Unemployed Persons:

Youths:

1. Number of unemployed youths: _____

Percent of unemployed youths: _____

Area Coordinator gives number of unemployed persons in the Allston-Brighton area as 1,115; but states that the distribution among youths and adults is not available.

Adults:

1. Number of unemployed adults: _____

Percent of unemployed adults: _____

(SEE AREA COORDINATOR'S STATEMENT ABOVE UNDER "YOUTHS")

E. Economic Development:

(NO INFORMATION GIVEN)

F. Health:

Children:

1. Rate of Infant Mortality: 16.2/1,000

Area Coordinator reports a range in the rate of infant deaths in different sections of the Allston-Brighton area:

8.8 to 35.2 Deaths/1,000

2. Number of children with specific Health Deficiencies: (Information not available)

Adults:

1. Tuberculosis Rates:

Area Coordinator quotes Harry Karpeles Brighton Survey as saying: "Within the Allston-Brighton area the (primary TB deaths) rate has been substantially lower (than Boston) with the exception of Allston where it has been at the city's level. (18.2 deaths per 100,000 people)

The Faneuil (y-4) districts record ....with no deaths over a five-year period while rates elsewhere in A/B went from 4.6 to 8.2 deaths per 100,000 .... Among local A/B districts the rates range between Faneuil's 33.0 new cases to Allston's 57.3 cases per 100,000."

2. Incidence of Alcoholism: (No information available)

3. Drug Addiction:

According to Area Coordinator, there is increasing "drug traffic" which people are concerned with.

Elderly:

1. Tuberculosis Rates: (No information given by Area Coordinator)

G. Social Services:

Juveniles:

1. Rate of Delinquency: *13.6/10,000 between the ages of 7-17

*This figure, according to the Area Coordinator is the "rate of delinquency (commitments to Youth Service Board) in Allston-Brighton according to R.I.G. Division of USC (Profile for Planning).

Families:

1. Number of Chronic Welfare Recipients: **1,366

**This is according to 1964 Poverty Indices and constitutes 4.3% of Boston's welfare recipients.

2. Number of one-parent Households:

(Information not available See additional information given by Area Coordinator)

Area Coordinator reports that the exact number of one-parent households is not available, but did provide the following information:

a. NUMBER OF AFDC WELFARE RECEIPIENTS:

181 - or 2.2% of City Cases

b. NUMBER OF YOUTHS UNDER 18 YEARS NOT LIVING WITH BOTH PARENTS:

1,912 out of 15,629 - or 12% of the 18 and under population of Allston-Brighton

H. Other Needs:

(NO INFORMATION GIVEN)

III. LISTING AND RANKING OF TARGET GROUPS AND NEEDS:

Although the Allston-Brighton project has not been long established, the Area Coordinator and Project Staff Director were able to project what they felt were the groups in the area with the severest needs and also to list the primary needs of the area. The following were given in ranked order, but are subject to change as project progresses.

A. Target Groups:

1. The Elderly

   There are 8,757 elderly persons living in the Allston-Brighton area, at least 700 of whom are in need of better housing, increased incomes and recreational services.

   Outreach program is now in effect to locate these people and to better ascertain their needs.

2. In-School Youths (13-18 Years)

   There seems to be a growing problem in the area (particularly in Allston) with idle teenagers hanging around street corners with no recreation to occupy their time. Area Coordinator states that although there are facilities such as parks and playgrounds in the area, these are unsupervised and unused at the present time.

3. Cuban Refugees

   According to Area Coordinator, there are a growing number of Spanish-speaking persons entering the Allston-Brighton area who are in need of language programs, employment services, and housing facilities. At the time of this report it was felt that these persons number at least 1,000.

It seems to be the general feeling that the elderly is the group with the severest needs in the area, once these people can be contacted. There is some question as to the number of Cuban refugees who need attention, but it is generally felt that this number is steadily increasing.

B. Needs: (The following list of needs was ranked by Area Coordinator)

1. Recreation
Recreation in Allston-Brighton is a big problem, particularly in the Allston area. While there are numerous recreational facilities in the Brighton area, they are not easily accessible to Allston citizens. Also, there are a number of parks and playgrounds in Allston which need program supervision and improved facilities. Recreational facilities are felt to be needed for teenagers as are social programs for the elderly.

2. Housing
Due to increasing industrial and commercial expansion, influx of new residents, and the high number of low-income families, there is a shortage of adequate, standard housing in the Allston-Brighton area. Physical deterioration of private housing, lack of available rentals and tenant-landlord relations are some of the problems felt to need attention. Town-gown relations (i.e., relations between the older established residents of Allston-Brighton and the numbers of college students moving into the area) are stated by Area Coordinator to be a problem as older residents feel that the presence of these students not only causes a noise problem, but also deprives them of rentals that they could be using.

3. Community Organization
There are many community-oriented citizens' groups in Allston-Brighton. It is felt by the President of the Advisory Committee (which is comparable to a junior APAC in Allston-Brighton) and the Project Staff Director that there is a need to get lower-incom e groups and elderly persons involved in community affairs via groups such as these. These people should be contacted by outreach programs and made aware of existing agencies and services available to them.

4. Employment

With the influx of Spanish-speaking persons to the Allston-Brighton area, there is a growing employment problem. In addition to finding new jobs for the above, there is a significant need for job securing and upgrading among persons between 18-30 years. Plans are underway for a Manpower Center in Allston-Brighton to alleviate this problem.

5. Health

The President of the Advisory Committee in the Allston-Brighton area feels that there is a health problem, but that "more digging needs to be done" in order to ascertain what the needs are and what services need to be provided. The feeling was expressed by a member of the staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, for example, that that facility needed to become more community-oriented and would expect to with the opening of the new dental clinic to be located there.

6. Other Needs

An On-going Head Start Program

It is also felt by the Project Staff Director that an on-going Head Start program is needed in the area. During the summer of 1966, four summer Head Start programs were in operation in Allston-Brighton alone.

IV. INVENTORY OF 1966 PROGRAMS - COMPONENTS BY FUNCTIONAL CATEGORIES

A. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION:

1. Allston-Brighton Advisory Committee:

(a) Brief Description:
This group functions as a "Junior APAC"; i.e., as a representative group of neighborhood residents who work hand-in-hand with the information and referral center. The aim is to get area residents involved with existing agencies by establishing the needs of the community, working out their programs, etc.

(b) Sponsoring Agency: ABCD

(c) Funding Agency: OEO

(d) Total 1966 Funding: (See 2 below)

(e) Number of Persons Served:

(f) Number of Persons Eligible: 60,000-Entire Neighborhood

2. Allston-Brighton Neighborhood Service Center:

(a) Brief Description:
Information and referral center consisting of Staff Director, five Commonwealth Service Corp Volunteers (Neighborhood Aides).

(b) Sponsoring Agency: ABCD

(c) Funding Agency: OEO

(d) Total 1966 Funding: $15,000.

(e) Number of Persons Served: 400

(f) Number of Persons Eligible:

It has been assumed that most of the "adult" population, that is teenagers and over, would be able to take advantage of this Center, although it was hoped that low-income groups, elderly, Cuban refugees, and those persons more out of touch with what services are available to them in the community would make use of the center's referral and information services.

3. Allston-Brighton Citizen's Council

(a) Brief Description:

Non-political, non-partisan, non-sectarian organization set up to promote "general welfare of Allston-Brighton community." Serves as a "liaison for the community, vis-a-vis federal, state, and city governments and any social, health and recreational facilities working in Allston-Brighton." This is a tightly structured, highly organized group which 1) has been instrumental in bringing a tutoring program (staffed and funded by Commonwealth Service Corps) to Allston-Brighton area; 2) is working to have a welfare worker housed in Allston-Brighton area in order to localize welfare services; and which works generally to bring pressure on various groups in Boston.

(b) Sponsoring Agency: VOLUNTEERS, except for Commonwealth Service Corpsmen who are paid ~~by CSC~~

(c) Funding Agency: Self-Funded

(d) Total 1966 Funding:

(e) Number of Persons Served:

(f) Number of Persons Eligible:

There are 180 members in the Allston-Brighton Citizen's Council.

4. Allston Civic Association, Inc.

(a) Brief Description:
Non-sectarian, non-profit, chartered organization which brings needs of the city before responsible officials. Group is concerned with the problem of getting better representation on City Council for Allston-Brighton citizens. It has succeeded in bringing a part-time City Planning man to the area and a Neighborhood Improvement Inspector from the Office of Neighborhood Improvement; obtained approval for overpass at Soldiers Field Road; proposed that BRA build housing project in North Brighton, and has opposed certain zoning and liquor licenses.

(b) Sponsoring Agency: VOLUNTEERS

(c) Funding Agency: Self-Funded

(d) Total 1966 Funding:

(e) Number of Persons Served:

(f) Number of Persons Eligible:

There are 200 families involved in this Association.

5. Police Community Relations Group

(a) Brief Description:
Weekly discussion groups called intermittently at Brighton Police Department which aim at harmonizing the needs of the community and the work of local police. This is a city-wide program.

(b) Sponsoring Agency: Brighton Police Department and VOLUNTEERS

(c) Funding Agency: B.P.D.

(d) Total 1966 Funding:-

(e) Number of Persons Served:

(f) Number of Persons Eligible: All interested citizens in Allston-Brighton area

Between 100-125 people attend weekly meetings in Brighton

6. Committee of North Harvard

(a) Brief Description:
Group originally organized to fight off entrance of the Boston Redevelopment Authority in this area. Now concerned with enlargening facilities of housing project in the area, area social services, and educational facilities.

(b) Sponsoring Agency: VOLUNTEERS

(c) Funding Agency: Self-Funded

(d) Total 1966 Funding:

(e) Number of Persons Served:

(f) Number of Persons Eligible:

B. CHILD DEVELOPMENT:

Four Head Start programs were run during the 1966 summer season; and it is hoped that an on-going Head Start program will be developed in the area. However, at the present time no programs are existent in the area.

C. EDUCATION:

1. Tutorial Program

(a) Brief Description:
Tutoring classes held one evening a week for teenagers, grades 6-12, at Taft school. Facilities are provided by School Committee and staffed by volunteers from the area and Commonwealth Service Corpsmen.

(b) Sponsoring Agency:	VOLUNTEERS - Brighton Citizen's Council; part-time Commonwealth Service Corpsmen, paid by CSC
(c) Funding Agency:	
(d) Total 1966 Funding:	
(e) Number of Persons Served:	80 Students were involved
(f) Number of Persons Eligible:	Teenagers, in school, grades 6-12

D. EMPLOYMENT:

Manpower Center expected to be opened sometime before March 31st, 1966.

E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

(NO PROGRAMS)

F. HEALTH:

1. Visiting Nurses Association

(a) Brief Description:
Provides care for the ill in their homes. Special pathology and nutrition classes are held in the area. The staff consists of an Area Supervisor, 6 Registered Nurses, 1 Licensed Practical Nurse, Special Pathologist, Physical Therapist, Nutritionist, and Consulting Psychiatrist. The office is open five days a week and functions through referral of Welfare Department and doctor's recommendation.

(b) Sponsoring Agency: Boston Visiting Nurses Association

(c) Funding Agency: United Fund; also collects fees from patients according to what they can afford

(d) Total 1966 Funding:

(e) Number of Persons Served:

(f) Number of Persons Eligible: 40,000

2. St. Elizabeth's Hospital

(a) Brief Description:
Has 29 specialty clinics located in Allston-Brighton serving all of Boston. Plans for a mental health clinic are being developed.

(b) Sponsoring Agency: St. Elizabeth's Hospital

(c) Funding Agency: PRIVATELY ENDOWED

(d) Total 1966 Funding: _____

(e) Number of Persons Served: _____

(f) Number of Persons Eligible: _____

G. SOCIAL SERVICES:

1. Welfare Program:

(a) Brief Description
No separate office in Allston-Brighton. Five workers in area, provided by Roxbury office. Possibility of getting Welfare Worker to work out of Allston-Brighton Neighborhood Service Center.

(b) Sponsoring Agency: Massachusetts State Welfare Department

(c) Funding Agency: Federal Government

(d) Total 1966 Funding: _____

(e) Number of Persons Served 1,166 (1964 figure)

(f) Number of Persons Eligible: _____

H. OTHER:

RECREATION:

1. Senior Citizens' Program (Brighton YMCA)

(a) Brief Description:
Primarily recreational program which sponsors trips, musical programs, speakers, parties, etc.

(b) Sponsoring Agency: YMCA

(c) Funding Agency: *

(d) Total 1966 Funding: *

(e) Number of Persons Served: 50

(f) Number of Persons Eligible: 8,750

*YMCA is a United Fund Agency. However, Executive Director states that the only thing they provide for the program is use of the "Y" and a "little staff time" as program is run primarily by the citizens themselves, so cost is negligible.

2. Senior Citizens' Program (Brighton, Brookline, Newton Jewish Community Center)

(a) Brief Description:
Three (3) separate recreational groups which meet at the Center and Brighton Synagogues twice a week. Sponsor birthday parties for members, discussion groups, card games, Bingo, trips.

(b) Sponsoring Agency: Brighton, Brookline, Newton Jewish Community Center

(c) Funding Agency: United Fund

(d) Total 1966 Funding: _____

(e) Number of Persons Served: _____

(f) Number of Persons Eligible: _____

Jewish Community Center Program (not including separate groups which meet at various Temples has 400 members.

3. Senior Citizens' Program (Brighton Community Center)

(a) Brief Description:
Recreational group whose members meet regularly once a week and also visit Recreational Leader in the mornings. Sponsors movies, parties, special projects (e.g., making Valentine Cards).

(b) Sponsoring Agency: Boston Park and Recreation Department

(c) Funding Agency: Boston Park and Recreation Department

(d) Total 1966 Funding: _____

(e) Number of Persons Served: _____

(f) Number of Persons Eligible: 8,750

There are 145 Members in this group.

4. Brighton Community Center

(a) Brief Description:
Sponsors supervised indoor activities for children; e.g., afternoon games and crafts, basketball, weaving, etc.

(b) Sponsoring Agency: Boston Park and Recreation Department

(c) Funding Agency: Boston Park and Recreation Department

(d) Total 1966 - Funding:

(e) Number of Persons Served: Approximately 300 using Center

(f) Number of Persons Eligible: 60,000 ENTIRE NEIGHhood

5. Young Mens Christian Association (YMCA)-Brighton

(a) Brief Description
Facility located in Brighton, serves mostly Brighton residents. Recreational, social, educational classes for all ages. In addition to activities for youths, groups such as Diet Group, Yoga, Slimnastics are held for adults.

(b) Sponsoring Agency: YMCA

(c) Funding Agency: United Fund

(d) Total 1966 - Funding:

(e) Number of Persons Served:

(f) Number of Persons Eligible: 60,000 -ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD

There are 2,600 members in this organization

6. Brighton, Brookline, Newton Jewish Community Center

(a) Brief Description:
Social, recreational, educational, cultural facility serving all age groups. Has such programs as Teen Clubs, Senior Citizens' Program, Health Clubs, etc.

(b) Sponsoring Agency: Combined Jewish Philanthropies

(c) Funding Agency: Combined Jewish Philanthropies, which gets funds from the United Fund

(d) Total 1966 Funding:

(e) Number of Persons Served: 4,000

(f) Number of Persons Eligible:

7. Allston Wagon-on-Wheels (YMCA)

(a) Brief Description:
"Y" sponsored program which sends "detached social worker" with wheels into Allston area to transport teenagers to recreational activities.

(b) Sponsoring Agency: YMCA

(c) Funding Agency: United Fund

(d) Total 1966 Funding:

(e) Number of Persons Served: 40 - 50

(f) Number of Persons Eligible:

8. MDC Skating Rink - Brighton

(a) Brief Description:
Ice skating for all age groups, daytime and evening.

(b) Sponsoring Agency: Metropolitan District Commission

(c) Funding Agency: State of Massachusetts

(d) Total 1966 Funding:

(e) Number of Persons Served: *

(f) Number of Persons Eligible: ENTIRE METROPOLITAN AREA

*It is difficult to determine the number of persons served, as the number of people using these rinks each week fluctuates with school vacations, weather, etc. Also, many Allston-Brighton citizens are felt to use the Daley Rink on the border of Newton and Brighton.

ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

There are additional recreational programs in the Allston-Brighton area such as Golden Age Clubs, Teen Dances, Boys'Clubs, etc., some volunteer and some sponsored by the Boston Park and Recreation Department. It was not possible to find out details on all of the groups, but it is felt that there are a number of these smaller, less formally organized groups in the area.

V. INVENTORY OF 1966 PROGRAMS - BY FUNCTIONAL SYSTEMS:

A. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION:

1. Number of Programs: 6 (2ABCD; 4 Non-ABCD)
2. Funding: $15,000. (1 ABCD Program)
3. Number of Persons Served: _____

B. CHILD DEVELOPMENT:

1. Number of Programs: None
2. Funding: _____
3. Number of Persons Served: _____

C. EDUCATION:

1. Number of Programs: 1 (Non-ABCD)
2. Funding: _____
3. Number of Persons Served: 80

D. EMPLOYMENT:

1. Number of Programs: _____
2. Funding: _____
3. Number of Persons Served: _____

E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

1. Number of Programs: None
2. Funding:
3. Number of Persons Served:

F. HEALTH:

1. Number of Programs: 2 (Non-ABCD)
2. Funding:
3. Number of Persons Served:

G. SOCIAL SERVICES:

1. Number of Programs: 1 (Non-ABCD)
2. Funding:
3. Number of Persons Served: 1,366

H. OTHER:

RECREATION:

1. Number of Programs: 8 (Non-ABCD)
2. Funding:
3. Number of Persons Served: 7,540 (For 7 Programs)

VII. EVALUATION OF TOTAL PROGRAM SYSTEM:

Since ABCD programs have only just begun in the Allston-Brighton area, it is difficult to make any evaluation of either the effective linkage between ABCD programs and other non-ABCD programs in the area, or of the program system emphasis.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Need for APAC:
   Area Coordinator feels that an APAC will be needed in the area with the development of more programs. At the present time, there is an Advisory Committee, which is concerned primarily with the Neighborhood Service Center.

2. Manpower - Information and Referral Center:
   Area Coordinator also recommends that the Manpower Center planned for Allston-Brighton be coordinated with the Information and Referral Center; and that another paid staff member be added to the Service Center. Plans have been made to house both functions in the same building so that coordination will be possible.

3. Student Voluntoer Groups:
   Area Coordinator suggested that in order to alleviate the "Town-Gown" conflict, college students might be enlisted in volunteer programs, e.g., tutoring, help with the elderly, etc., in order to get them involved in the community and draw less criticism to them as unwanted outsiders.

4. Other Recommendations:
   Project Staff Director has recommended that a Welfare Worker be located in the Allston-Brighton area in order to provide more localized welfare services; and that the following programs be established:

   A. A Credit Union in St. Anthony's Parish

   B. An On-going Head Start Program

   C. A Cooperative Nursery

   D. Surplus Food Program